



COLONIAL COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD

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Meeting Minutes: Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board
November 2, 2015

Location: Williamsburg Municipal Building
401 Lafayette St.
Williamsburg, VA 23185

Members Present: Byron M. Adkins
Susan Bruno
Jimmy Burrell
David Coe
Craig Farinholt
Joe Jackson-Designee for Mike Scheitle
Judge Colleen Killilea
Adam Kinsman
John Kuplinski, Chair
Charles Moss, Vice Chair
Virginia Munoz
Dave Sloggie
Steven Reandeau
Brad Rinehimer

Members Absent: Judge Wade Bowie
Bill Coda
Wakie Howard
Judge Mike McGinty
Jodi Miller
Ron Montgomery
Shawn Overbey
Jenny Pauls
Rob Tyler
Walt Zaremba

Staff Present: Hal Diggs, CCC Director
Jack Fitzpatrick, Criminal Justice Planner
Jessica Bolton, CCC Administrative Coordinator

Guests: Maj. Tony Dallman J.C.C.P.D.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The quarterly meeting of the Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Kuplinski.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

Justice Planner advised that a quorum was present.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Kuplinski announced that tonight is New Kent Supervisor Jimmy Burrell's last CCCJB meeting. He thanked Jimmy for serving the Board faithfully since January 28, 2004 and as Chair of the Justice Board from September 14, 2006-May 6, 2013! The Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board wishes him all the best in his retirement.

4. APPROVAL OF MAY 4 AND AUGUST 3, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Jimmy Burrell seconded by Dave Sloggie was unanimously approved.

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Kuplinski reported that a month ago, he and Colonial Behavioral Health Director David Coe attended the Region 5 Department of Mental Health meeting where it was discussed that 50% of the statewide cases declared not guilty by reason of insanity were occurring in this region. He noted that there is no concern for the Colonial Region, and that the high rate is due to one jurisdiction on the Southside. He noted that the process is being reconfigured to place greater focus on services being provided in the jails but that the change will take some time to complete as extensive coordination will be needed between the jails, clerk's offices, and the Department of Behavioral Health.

6. APPOINTMENTS and ELECTIONS

The Chair welcomed James City County Assistant County Administrator Adam Kinsman who was appointed to fill the vacancy created by Doug Powell's departure from the Board. Joe Jackson—designee for Mike Scheitle for this meeting—was introduced and welcomed as a representative for the Court Services Unit and Charles City County.

The Chair asked for the formation of a Nomination Committee for the election of a Chair and Vice Chair during the February 2016 meeting. Chief Sloggie, Byron Adkins, and Virginia Munoz volunteered to serve in this capacity.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) **Juvenile Justice Committee Report:** Justice Planner provided the report:

- Jack requested details of drug overdoses reported to the Poison Control Center at VCU—both local hospitals as a matter of procedure report all suspected or proven drug overdoses to Poison Control. He reported that since the beginning of 2014, the four counties and two cities that comprise the Colonial Region have experienced 19 reported incidents.
 - Twelve involved synthetic cannabinoids (A.K.A. “Spice”, “K2”, etc.)
 - Four involved heroin
 - Four involved synthetic cathinones (“Bath Salts”, “25i”, etc.)
 - Three involved THC (normal marijuana)
 - One each involved cocaine mixed with cathinones and one LSD mixed with cannabinoids & heroin & alprazolam
 - None ended in death
 - Seven were treated and released from the emergency department
 - Eight were admitted to the Intensive Care Unit
 - One admitted to the hospital
 - And three left Against Medical Advice.

Virginia (and the nation) has reported a drastic increase in heroin overdoses and deaths but we have ***not*** seen this as yet. Jack has added a heroin section to his synthetic drugs presentation which was presented to all Williamsburg-James City County and Poquoson high school health and P.E. students last year. Scheduling for Jamestown H.S. is well underway for the Fall semester, Lafayette and New Kent high schools are in the planning phases. He has yet to hear back from Warhill or Poquoson. Bruton HS has a new principal and asks to wait until Spring semester. No other York County Schools have accepted the offer to present. Some blame has been placed on the overuse/misuse of the prescription medication-Percocet and that when prescription opiates are either no longer available or too expensive, many turn to heroin. Judge Killilea asked if the Synthetic Drugs presentation could be made available for middle school students as well as high school students. The Justice Planner advised that he would welcome the opportunity and asked if chiefs and sheriffs would make the suggestion to their school resource officers to facilitate the effort.

- Williamsburg Area Transport Authority (WATA) has experienced turnover in its director’s office. The JJ Committee is encouraging WATA to return to its old policy of free bus service for students displaying school ID cards (the cost is now 50 cents per trip). Transportation is seen as a barrier for many in regard to attendance at pro-social functions offered by the schools and local parks and recreation entities.

- A partnership has been developed with the William and Mary Law School to use their mock courtroom for JJ public safety videos. In addition, the Law School produces videos on a regular basis as a teaching tool and has volunteered their personnel as actors for our videos. The script on internet predators will be shot as soon as feasible.

(b) **Special Projects Report - CIT:** CIT Chair David Coe reported that 199 local officers, deputies, and others have completed the 40-hour CIT Training Course to date. A few weeks ago, 20+ graduated. Chief Sloggie advised that there is a statewide push to include the 40-hour CIT course in the basic police academy curriculum. The Colonial CITAC has expanded its hours of operation to noon-midnight every day (formerly 4 p.m.-midnight). For FY 15, there were 426 patient visits at CITAC and 216 involved Emergency Custody Orders. Colonial CIT Coordinator Jay Sexton has been nominated for and selected as the Virginia Coordinator of the Year. Jay will leave his post as Coordinator at the end of 2015 and Al Boswell and Sean McNulty will share the Coordinator's duties. David noted that none of these accomplishments could have occurred without the help of the CCCJB. He thanked the members of the Board for all of the help and letters provided.

c) **Re-Entry Committee:** Committee Chair Jenny Pauls was absent and the Justice Planner reported that:

- The DMV Connect program, which was an expansion of the One-Stop effort at VPRJ, has now provided Virginia Identification cards to 55 inmates. On Wednesday, 20 additional inmates will be processed to receive their ID cards. Colonial Re-Entry was advised of an added benefit of the program—inmates are provided with a personalized checklist that lays out the steps (and costs) they need to complete in order to reinstate their VA operator's license.
- The United Way Guest Houses have remained at capacity (9 + the "overflow" bed) for this quarter. As noted previously, three houseguests have been in the program for a little over a year, have paid their fines and costs, and have secured long-term employment. Four have been there for a little over one month.
- St. Bedes' new year-round day support outreach—the Harbor—for the homeless officially opened in September. Clients can escape bad weather (hot **or** cold), shower, access services including internet (and, soon, make use of a VEC SNAP site), and receive referrals. The Harbor operates Monday through Thursday during morning and afternoon hours. The COFM Winter Shelter program will reopen in mid-November for overnight protection from the cold. The Winter Shelter program has hired a Shelter Manager who will ensure continuity of care through the different host churches and their volunteer groups.
- The third edition of the Colonial Re-Entry Council's Newsletter will be sent via email tomorrow. As always, any feedback is appreciated.

- The Re-Entry Coordinator began discussions with several church representatives from the Grafton area of York County to create a Greater Williamsburg Outreach Mission-like entity that would provide services similar to Williamsburg Walks The Talk for that section of the Colonial Region. Due to the lack of public transportation, these services have been sorely needed for some time.
- Some progress has been made and initial meetings are underway to start a Local Re-Entry Council for New Kent and Charles City County. Jenny Kittrell (District 34 Deputy Chief) is leading the initiative and plans to co-chair the group. Former NK-DSS Director Vanessa Livingstone and CC-Commonwealth Attorney Rob Tyler have attempted—at different times—to form this group over the past two years.
- On Oct. 30, VPRJ and the Step-Up, Inc. job readiness program hosted a job fair.
- On Sept. 4, two VPRJ inmates were the first to graduate from the VPRJ's new computer-only GED program and the classes appear to be going well.
- Director Diggs noted that Charlotte Walmon and Victoria McWhorter (of CCC) co-presented at a statewide Re-Entry Symposium. The two highlighted the collaboration of the Colonial Region which drew positive feedback from attendees. Attempts to standardize data collection of re-entry efforts statewide continues.
- Adam noted that the United Way has begun an initiative called “The Home For Good” program following the annual census of the homeless conducted by local social services representatives. Its goal is to provide individuals and families with sustainable, long-term housing. The United Way is evolving from a pass-through funder into a more direct services provider.

d). **Finance Committee:** CCC Director Diggs advised that the consolidation of the Grafton and Williamsburg Offices is complete. The York Courthouse Office is being utilized on a part-time basis for meeting with clients as-needed.

8. REPORT OF CCC AGENCY DIRECTOR

Director Diggs reported that CCC received a 3-year, \$450,000 Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) grant. Although several other localities had applied for this funding, CCC was the only entity in the Commonwealth to receive this grant. The grant funds a collaboration between several local entities working for the prevention of domestic violence in the region. It will fund a domestic violence probation officer, a pretrial officer, a grant administrator, and a domestic violence commonwealth attorney (all part time positions). Additionally, a lethality assessment instrument will mandate certain actions under certain conditions. It is anticipated that the program will be staffed and fully functional by January 1, 2016.

9. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Director Diggs noted that former CCC Director Katie Green—who had been on a temporary assignment with the National Institute of Correction—has officially left employment with James City County as of November 15, 2015.

Justice Planner distributed copies of a white paper titled: “Policing Concerns for 2015 and Beyond-‘Unintended Consequences’” for the membership’s consideration. It encourages strengthening public information and social media efforts as a means to “inoculate” the jurisdictions of our region against the effects of the anti-police movement.

10. CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT

All were encouraged to stay and enjoy some cake in celebration of Jimmy Burrell’s service to the Justice Board.

The next meeting will be held Monday, **February 1, 2016**, in James City County.

With no further business, Chair Kuplinski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Sloggie made the motion and Brad Rinehimer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

***Note: Although present at this meeting, Judge Colleen Killilea abstained from participating in any Board votes or deliberations.*